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Amber Van Kirk lives Creighton University's credo. This senior, who graduated in May with a bachelor of science in nursing, spent her years at Creighton anchored in ethics, centered on service, and pledged to excellence through her academic achievements, her compassion for others, and her choice of careers. That's why Amber was presented the prestigious Spirit of Creighton Award at the conclusion of Creighton's 110th May commencement ceremony.

The Spirit of Creighton Award is given annually to students who represent the best qualities of the University's founders, including initiative, enterprise, academic achievement and outstanding character traits.

Amber is a four year member of the dean's honor roll, all the while competing on the varsity crew team. She was named a Central Region Scholar-Athlete and an Academic All-American. Amber also has been a model of service to others. She has been a volunteer for Girls Inc., Campus Red Cross, and Dorothy Day Soup Kitchen. She spent the summer of 2000 as a participant in the Institute of Latin American Concern (ILAC) program in the Dominican Republic, to deliver health care to needy families. Van Kirk was also an intern at the Indian Chicano Health Center this past semester.

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